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MONTANA LABOR MARKET

Monthly Review of
EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK, LABOR SUPPLY, LABOR DEMAND, CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

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Industrial Employment Builds to Good Levels

Active forces in the June labor market sparked a continuation of the preceding months' seasonal employment advances. According to estimates by the Commission in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, June non-farm employment in Montana reached 173,400, a gain of 6,600 over the May figure. Job gains in construction, government, and service industries were chiefly responsible for much of the employment rise. Employment expansion also occurred in manufacturing, transportation, utilities, and communications, trade, and finance, insurance, and real estate units. Employment in mining failed to move from the May job levels.

1,800 Below Last Year

Despite the substantial seasonal increase in employment from May to June, the state employment total was still 1,800 less than last June. Job opportunities have failed to keep abreast of an expanding labor force. New entrants to the labor market are not the only ones having difficulty in finding jobs. Many skilled workers, including carpenters, operating engineers, mechanics, and others, are without work. This situation stems mainly from completion of many major construction projects last year and the slow start of new building and other construction activity this year. Although several big federal projects, including the missile base sites, the Yellowstone Dam project, and others, have taken up some of the slack, the volume of workers has not been up to expectations.

Seasonal Gain of 13,600

From a seasonal viewpoint, the June wage earner figure tops the mid-winter low of

LABOR MARKET HAS 15,600 SURPLUS LABOR SEEKING JOBS AS SUMMER SEASON BEGINS

Increased seasonal labor demands in June failed to cut very deeply into a labor supply unusually large for this time of the year. The jobseeker count at 22 local offices of the Montana State Employment Service totaled 15,619 at the end of June. It was the second highest June total of record, surpassed only by June, 1958 when there were 16,800 idle workers in a period of economic downturn. The current inventory of idle workers is 5,600 more than last year and 8,500 higher than the June average of the past ten years. Although the current labor surplus is inflated somewhat by registrations of high school and college students, a look at the occupational classifications of the current applicants shows approximately 6,000 experienced workers. Included, among others, are 221 in professional and managerial classifications, 1,429 in skilled classifications, including many in construction crafts, and 1,378 in semi-skilled groups.

last February by 13,600 wage earners. It is the lowest seasonal expansion between these two points during the past five years. The employment growth from February to June last year was 22,700; it was 20,800 in 1959, and 16,800 in 1958. The average February-June employment rise from 1957-1961 figures at 18,200 workers.

Nearly All Industries Lag

The employment decline from year ago levels is distributed among five major industry groups. The largest losses are charged to mining and manufacturing where employment levels were down 1,200 and 1,100 respectively from last June. All of the loss in the state's mining payrolls was centered in metal mining. Although there has been a moderate increase in metal mining payrolls since last winter, the fact still remains that employment in this industry is down substantially from the past five years. Employment declines at smelters accounted for more than half of the drop in manufacturing employment from last year. Employment in the transportation and utilities group was down 1,000, with the total separating into a

deficit of 800 in railroads, a drop of 100 each in other transportation segments and in utility firms. Other employment drops from last June were recorded in trade, down 700, and service industry, down 300. Partially offsetting these minus figures in five industry groups were the over-the-year gains of 1,200 in contract construction and 1,300 in government employment. Employment in finance, insurance, and real estate establishments, at 6,800, remained the same as last June.

A Dismal Farm Picture

Reduced job demands for farm and ranch workers points up the seriousness of the farm situation this year. Drought, grasshoppers, and declining livestock prices presage a weakened farm economy. Early reports indicate the smallest wheat crop since 1949, with most of the decline in the spring wheat harvests. Some small farm operators in the northeastern section of the state have already joined the ranks of the jobseekers. Water and feed shortages have forced some livestock men to liquidate their entire herds.

LABOR TURNOVER RATES IN MANUFACTURING AND MINING INDUSTRIES (per 100 employees)

| INDUSTRY | ACCESSION RATE | | | | | | SEPARATION RATE | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|----------------|-------------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| | Total | | | New Hire | | | Total | | | Quit | | | Layoff | | |
| | 1) May 1961 | 2) Apr 1961 | May 1960 | May 1961 | Apr. 1961 | May 1960 | May 1961 | Apr. 1961 | May 1960 | May 1961 | Apr. 1961 | May 1960 | May 1961 | Apr. 1961 | May 1960 |
| 3) All Manufacturing..... | 5.4 | 4.6 | 6.3 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 4.5 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 4.6 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.7 | .4 | .5 | 1.0 |
| Durable Goods..... | 7.0 | 5.6 | 8.0 | 5.6 | 4.4 | 5.3 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 5.4 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.9 | .5 | .7 | 1.0 |
| Primary Metal..... | 1.6 | 4.0 | 6.0 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 2.6 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 8.6 | .9 | 1.1 | 1.9 | .2 | .2 | .5 |
| Nondurable Goods..... | 2.3 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 2.0 | 2.4 | 3.0 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 3.2 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.3 | .2 | .3 | 1.0 |
| All Mining..... | 7.3 | 7.8 | 7.9 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 3.3 | 5.6 | 7.3 | 6.0 | 2.4 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 1.6 | 3.5 | 1.1 |
| Metal Mining..... | 4.6 | 4.6 | 7.5 | .5 | .6 | 1.9 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 6.0 | 1.8 | .6 | 2.7 | .4 | 1.5 | .1 |

1) Preliminary rates based on all data available at publication time. 2) Figures previously revised on more complete returns.

3) Excludes sugar and canning industries. Total separations include discharges and miscellaneous separations.

Along the Hiring Line— Field Summary July 1

ANACONDA, Deer Lodge, Philipsburg—(626 jobseekers, 59 new, 408 men, 218 women). Area labor market patterns fairly active during June with most job hires in construction fields. Smelter employment at normal levels with some worker callbacks as needed. Trade, service, and other industry segments not as active as years past.

BILLINGS, Columbus, Hardin, Hysham, Laurel, Red Lodge, Roundup—(3,391 jobseekers, 940 new, 2,106 men, 1,285 women). Jobseeker totals swelled by new entrants to labor market, in-migration of transient workers, and surplus of construction workers including carpenters and truck drivers. Construction activity down substantially from last year's building record. Month old plumbers' strike could cause more layoffs if settlement not reached soon. Good hiring trends evident in finance, insurance, and real estate units; trade, service and trucking industries. Railroad hiring practically nil. Sugar beet thinning and weeding completed with domestic and foreign labor leaving the area. Dry land crop and range conditions worst in years.

BOZEMAN, Ennis, Three Forks, Trident—(450 jobseekers, 190 new, 321 men, 129 women). Area labor market trends holding fairly well to seasonal patterns with construction, trade, and service industries at the forefront. Work on highway projects, college buildings, and private homes making good progress with no labor problems or shortages. Logging operations slower than usual, but two major sawmills on two-shift basis despite lagging lumber demand.

BUTTE, Virginia City, Whitehall—(1,891 jobseekers, 346 new, 1,460 men, 431 women). Metal mining employment picture appears to be improving steadily; situation expected to prevail for the next three months. Employment levels, however, have some distance to go before they catch up with the 5-year average of 6,100. Construction is a pale spot with practically no new building activity and only limited highway work. Most building permits issued chiefly for remodeling of housing units. Hotel, cafe, and other service industries hiring up with increasing tourist traffic.

CUT BANK—(418 jobseekers, 107 new, 359 men, 59 women). Labor market activity reduced by diminished construction projects with no new starts in evidence, and current projects not of substantial volume. Main hiring activity occurred in trade and service industries as a result of busy tourist traffic and good volume at Glacier Park. Farm hiring not up to normal volume due to near drought conditions.

LABOR MARKET INDICATORS

| Employment— | June 1961 | May 1961 | June 1960 | June-Avg. 1952-61 |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| Industrial Employment | 173,400 | 166,800 | 175,200 | 167,500 |
| New Job Applicants | 5,285 | 3,905 | 6,166 | 4,722 |
| Job Applicants, End of Month | 15,619 | 15,368 | 10,035 | 8,372 |
| Insured Unemployment, Week of | July 7 1961 | June 3 1961 | July 1 1960 | Avg. 1st July Wk. 1957-61 |
| New and Renewal Claims | 736 | 681 | 779 | 654 |
| Unemployed Weeks Filed | 4,091 | 6,994 | 3,874 | 3,829 |
| Total Unemployment Claims | 4,827 | 7,675 | 4,653 | 4,483 |

DILLON—(145 jobseekers, 103 new, 104 men, 41 women). Good activity on industrial and farm fronts during June despite a few setbacks. Hot, dry weather affected farm crops—some grain fields are a complete loss and being cut for feed. First hay crops range from fair to good with no second cutting. Some construction projects nearing completion, including relocation of railroad tracks near Clark Canyon Dam site, junior high school building, and highway project. Thirty workers laid off from bridge work because of steel shortages. Twenty additional workers hired by tale mining firm.

GLASGOW, Fort Peck, Malta, Opheim—(575 jobseekers, 155 new, 347 men, 228 women). Fewer job hires this year reflected in reduced construction worker demand. About 150 employed on air base projects compared with 1,500 last year. Hiring on base housing project not yet begun due to material shortages. Only small crew working on 4-lane highway project, but increased demand expected next month. Main street business slowed by reduced construction activity and drought conditions.

GLENDIVE, Circle, Wibaux—(152 jobseekers, 104 new, 89 men, 63 women). Area economy weakened by lull in construction, oil field work, and drought depressed grasshopper infested farm fields. Many construction workers still idle with cancellation of some projects and slow start of others. Unemployment claims triple last year's total.

GREAT FALLS, Choteau, Fort Benton, Stanford—(2,049 jobseekers, 889 new, 1,367 men, 682 women). June jobseeker files heavy with student and transient applications. Influx of out-of-area workers hopeful for missile employment continues. Hiring on this project chiefly in stenographic and engineering fields. Surplus of all craftsmen classifications current. June hiring chiefly in trade and service industries to meet demands of tourist traffic. Some improvement also shown in automotive service firms. Normal farm labor demand reduced by drought conditions. Unemployment totals still high with claims double last year's count.

HAMILTON, Stevensville—(282 jobseekers, 76 new, 178 men, 104 women). Active hiring in lumbering, mining, and forest service highlighted the June labor market picture. Most qualified lumber workers now employed. Half of idle workers are students and older applicants. Most June farm hires were in sugar beet and hay fields.

HAVRE, Chinook, Harlem—(376 jobseekers, 215 new, 253 men, 123 women). Area labor market patterns generally quiet with reduced construction and railroad employment combined with poor farm conditions. Only limited seasonal expansion in trade and service industries with few tourists in area so far this year. Farm hiring considerably below last year; some farm operators entering labor market because of poor crop yields.

HELENA, Boulder, Garrison, Townsend, White Sulphur Springs—(506 jobseekers, 258 new, 327 men, 179 women). Job hires exceed one year ago, but unemployment still hangs high. Many building trades craftsmen still unemployed as construction starts lag. Scheduled construction of new V.A. hospital should help alleviate this situation. Jobseeker file contains many younger age groups and unskilled workers classifications. Demand for experienced clerical workers still persists. Farm labor demand steady with shortages of good hay hands developing.

KALISPELL, Columbia Falls, Eureka, Libby, Whitefish—(1,368 jobseekers, 369 new, 941 men, 427 women). Expanding employment in lumber and logging, and trade and service industries helped to strengthen the summer economy. More activity in woods and sawmills predicted as season advances. Construction of Libby plywood plant underway with 15 employed. Cherry harvest begun mid-July providing employment for several hundred workers.

LEWISTOWN, Harlowton, Ryegate, Winnett—(486 jobseekers, 184 new, 406 men, 80 women). Farm hiring down nearly a third from last year with dry weather and poor crops. Cattle sales up due to feed and water shortages. Some construction and service industry layoffs occurring. Main street business slow due to farm problems.

NINE YEARS OF MONTANA INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT TOTALS, BY MONTHS (in Thousands)*

| | Jan. | Feb. | March | April | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Aver. |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1953 | 147.1 | 145.9 | 147.9 | 151.5 | 155.2 | 161.0 | 162.2 | 164.1 | 163.2 | 162.2 | 159.9 | 157.9 | 156.5 |
| 1954 | 148.8 | 147.6 | 149.4 | 153.4 | 158.0 | 164.1 | 166.6 | 167.8 | 157.1 | 156.1 | 160.3 | 158.0 | 157.2 |
| 1955 | 150.6 | 149.0 | 149.6 | 155.6 | 160.7 | 169.2 | 170.6 | 172.9 | 171.7 | 168.3 | 164.7 | 162.7 | 162.1 |
| 1956 | 156.6 | 154.4 | 156.3 | 163.0 | 169.3 | 177.4 | 177.4 | 179.8 | 177.2 | 174.6 | 170.4 | 166.7 | 168.6 |
| 1957 | 156.8 | 155.0 | 156.8 | 161.3 | 166.0 | 172.0 | 174.2 | 174.2 | 170.8 | 167.4 | 163.2 | 159.9 | 164.3 |
| 1958 | 153.1 | 150.3 | 150.5 | 156.4 | 162.4 | 167.1 | 170.2 | 172.2 | 170.0 | 168.8 | 165.8 | 162.4 | 162.4 |
| 1959 | 155.3 | 153.2 | 155.9 | 162.2 | 167.5 | 174.0 | 177.5 | 179.2 | 169.9 | 165.6 | 161.5 | 159.4 | 165.1 |
| 1960 | 152.7 | 152.5 | 156.1 | 163.4 | 167.9 | 175.2 | 176.3 | 176.3 | 174.8 | 171.5 | 168.0 | 165.2 | 166.6 |
| 1961 | 160.9 | 159.8 | 160.2 | 163.1 | 166.1 | 173.4* | | | | | | | |

* Estimates revised on the basis of more complete and accurate figures for industry segments not covered under the Unemployment Insurance Program. ** Preliminary Estimate.

Along the Hiring Line— Field Summary July 1

LIVINGSTON, Big Timber—(263 jobseekers, 134 new, 178 men, 85 women). Good labor market trends evident in both industry and agriculture. Highway and building construction in good progress with few layoffs. Sawmill and logging operations at normal seasonal volume. Yellowstone Park hiring good with some shortages of cooks, porters, and other service workers. Some railroad extra gang hiring noted with job orders current for brakemen, firemen, and others.

MILES CITY, Baker, Ekalaka, Broadus, Jordan, Terry—(163 jobseekers, 122 new, 120 men, 43 women). Other than interstate highway work, construction projects are scarce. Scheduled ones which could develop soon, include sewage disposal system, shopping center, highway bridge, and county nursing home. Demand for ranch help slow with most activity on irrigated units. Livestock men reported to be marketing entire herds due to feed and water shortages.

MISSOULA, Drummond, Arlee, Superior—(1,408 jobseekers, 564 new, 945 men, 463 women). Hiring upswing in trade, service, and manufacturing offset reduced construction activity. Private and commercial building below past years; road construction projects non-existent. Strike of sheet metal workers started during the month. Destruction of obsolete highway bridge in city begun with new 4-lane structure planned. Site location dispute holding up start of sewage disposal system.

POLSON—(275 jobseekers, 142 new, 159 men, 116 women). Area lumber and plywood plants operating full time with few layoffs. Construction projects limited to additions to telephone building and Blue Bay resort facilities. No major construction projects in future. Substantial rise in farm hiring as result of hay and cherry harvests.

SHELBY—(259 jobseekers, 127 new, 214 men, 45 women). Job hires below last year due chiefly to reduced activity in construction and railroads. Main street trade establishments and oil field activity provide main source of June hiring. Other industry segments remain static.

SIDNEY—(119 jobseekers, 60 new, 69 men, 50 women). Little change noted in labor market patterns from the prior month. Current construction projects of limited scope with no new ones in sight. One shift of 10 men furloughed from road job. Main street business steady, but with no employment expansion.

THOMPSON FALLS, Hot Springs—(154 jobseekers, 51 new, 110 men, 44 women). Late summer labor trends fairly active highlighted by employment expansion in logging sawmills and forest service. New Trout Creek sawmill operating at 60 percent capacity with second shift to be added in July. Work on Hot Springs postoffice and Noxon school making good progress. Mining and quarrying fairly stable. Light upturn noted in trade and service industries.

WOLF POINT, Plentywood, Scobey—(263 jobseekers, 90 new, 205 men, 58 women). Building construction at good pace with school, service station, and bowling alley among new starts. But some carpenters still unemployed. Hiring up in most trade and service units, but at low levels in implement firms and repair shops.

ESTIMATED EMPLOYMENT IN NON-AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES IN MONTANA (1)

(Compiled in co-operation with United States Bureau of Labor Statistics)

| INDUSTRY | EMPLOYMENT | | | Net Change | |
|---|---------------|--------------|-----------|---------------------|----------------------|
| | June 1961 (2) | May 1961 (3) | June 1960 | May '61 to June '61 | June '60 to June '61 |
| NON-AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES | 173,400 | 166,800 | 175,200 | 6,600 | — 1,800 |
| Manufacturing | 20,000 | 19,100 | 21,100 | 900 | — 1,100 |
| Durable goods..... | 12,900 | 12,100 | 13,400 | 800 | — 500 |
| Lumber and timber products..... | 7,800 | 7,100 | 7,600 | 700 | — 200 |
| Primary metals..... | 3,400 | 3,400 | 4,100 | 00 | — 700 |
| Other (4)..... | 1,700 | 1,600 | 1,700 | 100 | — 00 |
| Nondurable goods..... | 7,100 | 7,000 | 7,700 | 100 | — 600 |
| Food and kindred products..... | 4,100 | 4,000 | 4,100 | 100 | — 00 |
| Printing and publishing..... | 1,600 | 1,600 | 1,600 | 00 | — 00 |
| Petroleum refining..... | 900 | 900 | 1,100 | 00 | — 200 |
| Other (5)..... | 500 | 500 | 900 | 00 | — 400 |
| Mining | 6,800 | 6,800 | 8,000 | 00 | — 1,200 |
| Metal mining..... | 3,900 | 3,900 | 5,100 | 00 | — 1,200 |
| Coal, quarrying and nonmetallic..... | 700 | 700 | 700 | 00 | — 00 |
| Petroleum-natural gas production..... | 2,200 | 2,200 | 2,200 | 00 | — 00 |
| Contract Construction | 14,700 | 12,800 | 13,500 | 1,900 | 1,200 |
| Contractors, building construction..... | 5,000 | 4,800 | 5,600 | 200 | — 600 |
| Contractors, other than building..... | 4,900 | 3,500 | 3,500 | 1,400 | 1,400 |
| Contractors, special trade..... | 4,800 | 4,500 | 4,400 | 300 | — 400 |
| Transportation and utilities | 18,800 | 18,500 | 19,800 | 300 | — 1,000 |
| Interstate railroads..... | 8,700 | 8,500 | 9,500 | 200 | — 800 |
| Transportation except railroads..... | 4,000 | 3,900 | 4,100 | 100 | — 100 |
| Utilities including communication..... | 6,100 | 6,100 | 6,200 | 00 | — 100 |
| Trade | 41,400 | 40,600 | 42,100 | 800 | — 700 |
| Wholesale trade..... | 8,600 | 8,400 | 8,800 | 200 | — 200 |
| Retail trade..... | 32,800 | 32,200 | 33,300 | 600 | — 500 |
| General merchandise and apparel..... | 5,900 | 5,800 | 6,100 | 100 | — 200 |
| Food stores..... | 5,100 | 5,100 | 4,800 | 00 | — 300 |
| Eating and drinking establishments..... | 8,700 | 8,200 | 8,700 | 500 | — 00 |
| Automotive and filling stations..... | 6,300 | 6,300 | 6,900 | 00 | — 600 |
| Retail trade not elsewhere classified..... | 6,800 | 6,800 | 6,800 | 00 | — 00 |
| Finance, insurance and real estate | 6,800 | 6,700 | 6,800 | 100 | — 00 |
| Services and miscellaneous | 23,600 | 22,500 | 23,900 | 1,100 | — 300 |
| Hotels, rooming houses, camps, etc..... | 3,500 | 2,600 | 3,900 | 900 | — 400 |
| Personal services..... | 2,200 | 2,100 | 2,300 | 100 | — 100 |
| Other (6)..... | 17,900 | 17,800 | 17,700 | 100 | — 200 |
| Government | 41,300 | 39,800 | 40,000 | 1,500 | 1,300 |
| Federal..... | 11,500 | 10,000 | 10,800 | 1,500 | 700 |
| State and local..... | 29,800 | 29,800 | 29,200 | 00 | — 600 |
| Great Falls Area (Cascade County) | 24,000 | 22,600 | 21,000 | 1,400 | 3,000 |
| Manufacturing..... | 3,100 | 3,100 | 3,000 | 00 | — 100 |
| Contract construction..... | 4,400 | 3,200 | 2,100 | 1,200 | 2,300 |
| Transportation and utilities..... | 2,100 | 2,000 | 2,200 | 100 | — 100 |
| Trade, wholesale and retail..... | 6,100 | 6,000 | 5,700 | 100 | — 400 |
| Services and miscellaneous (7)..... | 4,800 | 4,800 | 4,700 | 00 | — 100 |
| Government..... | 3,500 | 3,500 | 3,300 | 00 | — 200 |

Statewide employment estimates revised on the basis of more complete reports. Industry detail for the period January, 1959 to date, will be supplied in a future supplement to this publication.

- (1) Estimates include all full and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period ending nearest the 15th of the month. Proprietors, firm members, personnel of the armed forces, domestic servants, and self-employed persons are excluded.
- (2) Preliminary estimates based on return from samples of 197 selected Montana establishments.
- (3) Figures previously released have been revised on return from 1,302 such establishments.
- (4) Includes fabricated metal products, machinery except electrical, furniture, stone and clay products.
- (5) Includes apparel, chemicals, and miscellaneous manufacturing products.
- (6) Includes commercial trade schools, auto repair services and garages, miscellaneous repair services and hand trades, motion pictures, amusements and recreation, medical and health, law offices and professional services, non-profit membership organizations and businesses not otherwise classified.
- (7) Same as (6) above, also includes finance, real estate and mining.

COMPARISON OF BASIC LABOR MARKET ACTIVITIES IN JUNE 1961 AND JUNE 1960

| Employment Service Office | New Job Applicants | | | | Jobseekers in File | | | | Job Placement | | | | | | | | UI Claims* | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | June 1961 | | June 1960 | | June 1961 | | June 1960 | | June 1961 | | | | June 1960 | | | | Wk. 7-7 | |
| | Tot. | Vet. | Tot. | Vet. | Tot. | Vet. | Tot. | Vet. | Ind. | Ag. | Tot. | Vet. | Ind. | Ag. | Tot. | Vet. | 1961 | 1960 |
| Anaconda..... | 59 | 10 | 176 | 21 | 626 | 112 | 229 | 37 | 53 | 24 | 77 | 29 | 46 | 20 | 66 | 10 | 264 | 157 |
| Billings..... | 940 | 158 | 901 | 181 | 3,391 | 499 | 1,452 | 258 | 496 | 1,413 | 1,909 | 238 | 494 | 1,344 | 1,838 | 241 | 879 | 817 |
| Bozeman..... | 190 | 22 | 349 | 67 | 450 | 62 | 386 | 62 | 249 | 102 | 351 | 88 | 235 | 115 | 350 | 64 | 116 | 45 |
| Butte..... | 346 | 47 | 558 | 113 | 1,891 | 587 | 1,324 | 246 | 185 | 24 | 209 | 57 | 111 | 28 | 139 | 30 | 751 | 660 |
| Cut Bank..... | 107 | 9 | 108 | 28 | 418 | 42 | 226 | 69 | 55 | 190 | 245 | 40 | 69 | 229 | 298 | 48 | 63 | 116 |
| Dillon..... | 103 | 31 | 162 | 77 | 145 | 34 | 149 | 22 | 55 | 91 | 146 | 66 | 44 | 100 | 144 | 58 | 36 | 34 |
| Glasgow..... | 155 | 21 | 194 | 33 | 575 | 108 | 300 | 41 | 57 | 109 | 166 | 30 | 161 | 208 | 369 | 146 | 231 | 108 |
| Glendive..... | 104 | 16 | 126 | 15 | 152 | 34 | 112 | 16 | 88 | 820 | 908 | 40 | 128 | 1,045 | 1,173 | 60 | 48 | 19 |
| Great Falls..... | 889 | 167 | 773 | 147 | 2,049 | 474 | 1,319 | 235 | 470 | 210 | 680 | 210 | 413 | 322 | 735 | 196 | 541 | 533 |
| Hamilton..... | 76 | 3 | 110 | 22 | 282 | 46 | 231 | 37 | 58 | 274 | 332 | 24 | 41 | 159 | 200 | 22 | 74 | 93 |
| Havre..... | 215 | 23 | 274 | 29 | 376 | 79 | 222 | 38 | 88 | 120 | 208 | 63 | 101 | 157 | 258 | 72 | 129 | 159 |
| Helena..... | 258 | 27 | 208 | 23 | 506 | 117 | 512 | 98 | 258 | 56 | 314 | 74 | 199 | 33 | 232 | 70 | 254 | 162 |
| Kalispell..... | 369 | 57 | 630 | 87 | 1,368 | 250 | 972 | 268 | 188 | 35 | 223 | 61 | 194 | 15 | 209 | 51 | 401 | 654 |
| Lewistown..... | 184 | 34 | 102 | 13 | 486 | 88 | 123 | 14 | 94 | 68 | 162 | 59 | 67 | 124 | 191 | 68 | 91 | 56 |
| Livingston..... | 134 | 17 | 145 | 23 | 263 | 48 | 359 | 68 | 91 | 37 | 128 | 35 | 90 | 28 | 118 | 32 | 77 | 144 |
| Miles City..... | 122 | 12 | 149 | 27 | 163 | 21 | 90 | 11 | 55 | 874 | 929 | 34 | 87 | 726 | 813 | 39 | 94 | 65 |
| Missoula..... | 564 | 112 | 664 | 136 | 1,408 | 419 | 1,027 | 239 | 187 | 138 | 325 | 86 | 227 | 80 | 307 | 94 | 369 | 434 |
| Polson..... | 142 | 7 | 126 | 17 | 275 | 47 | 278 | 64 | 84 | 82 | 166 | 36 | 95 | 69 | 164 | 46 | 102 | 178 |
| Shelby..... | 127 | 34 | 165 | 33 | 259 | 96 | 258 | 51 | 79 | 227 | 306 | 45 | 105 | 354 | 459 | 52 | 86 | 34 |
| Sidney..... | 60 | 4 | 88 | 34 | 119 | 14 | 125 | 13 | 55 | 2,637 | 2,692 | 18 | 67 | 2,404 | 2,471 | 54 | 52 | 31 |
| Thomp. Falls..... | 51 | 14 | 56 | 14 | 154 | 21 | 142 | 30 | 65 | 7 | 72 | 33 | 67 | 3 | 70 | 28 | 65 | 81 |
| Wolf Point..... | 90 | 19 | 102 | 19 | 263 | 56 | 190 | 32 | 20 | 23 | 43 | 6 | 24 | 27 | 51 | 12 | 108 | 73 |
| TOTALS..... | 5,285 | 844 | 6,166 | 1,159 | 15,619 | 3,254 | 10,035 | 1,949 | 3,030 | 7,561 | 10,591 | 1,372 | 3,065 | 7,590 | 10,655 | 1,493 | 4,831 | 4,653 |

*Includes 142 claims of the Fed. UC Program 119 same a year ago. 1,578 claims under the Fed. TEC program not included.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN SELECTED MONTANA INDUSTRIES

(Produced in co-operation with United States Bureau of Labor Statistics)
(Hours and earnings data exclude administrative and salaried personnel)

| INDUSTRY | Average Weekly Earnings | | | Average Weekly Hours | | | Average Hourly Earnings | | |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Jun (1) 1961 | May(2) 1961 | June 1960 | Jun (1) 1961 | May(2) 1961 | June 1960 | Jun (1) 1961 | May(2) 1961 | June 1960 |
| All Manufacturing..... | \$101.09 | \$ 97.86 | \$ 96.68 | 40.6 | 39.3 | 39.3 | 2.49 | 2.49 | 2.46 |
| Durable goods..... | 101.19 | 97.91 | 95.84 | 41.3 | 39.8 | 40.1 | 2.45 | 2.46 | 2.39 |
| Primary metals..... | 98.03 | 102.14 | 96.14 | 38.9 | 39.9 | 39.4 | 2.52 | 2.56 | 2.44 |
| Nondurable goods..... | 101.35 | 97.91 | 99.84 | 39.9 | 38.7 | 38.4 | 2.54 | 2.53 | 2.60 |
| Food and kindred products..... | 87.36 | 82.82 | 85.44 | 42.0 | 40.4 | 40.3 | 2.08 | 2.05 | 2.12 |
| All Mining..... | 106.35 | 107.73 | 108.05 | 39.1 | 39.9 | 41.4 | 2.72 | 2.70 | 2.61 |
| Metal mining..... | 105.69 | 105.69 | 108.24 | 39.0 | 39.0 | 41.0 | 2.71 | 2.71 | 2.64 |
| Transportation and Utilities (except Rys.)... | 98.57 | 98.24 | 99.64 | | | | | | |
| Transportation (except railroads)..... | 103.12 | 105.03 | 115.37 | | | | | | |
| Utilities and communication..... | 95.52 | 93.69 | 88.37 | 39.8 | 39.2 | 39.1 | 2.40 | 2.39 | 2.26 |

(1) Preliminary estimates. (2) Figures previously released have been revised on more complete returns.

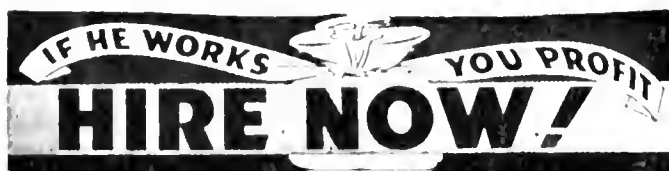
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